

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Scoop

March 24–28, 2014		Mrs. Spielmann	West Central Elementary
<p><u>Character Education</u> The Character Education word for April is: Trustworthiness. Trustworthiness is being honest, reliable, and following through on your commitments. We need to do what is right, even when it seems difficult. Each week we will be giving away Subway certificates to students who exhibit <u>Trustworthiness</u> characteristics!</p> <hr/> <p><u>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader</u> This week we will be learning about keeping the earth clean. <u>Vocabulary Words:</u> <u>recycle, reduce, reuse</u></p>	<p><u>Math</u> This week we will be working with fractions as equal parts of a whole. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Just a reminder: Homework is:</u> *Study spelling words *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction *Fluency Sheets *Practice writing short stories *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night. Thank you for your continued support. Your children will benefit!</p>	<p><u>Creative Writing</u> We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are Common Core State Standards based. The students really get excited when it is writing time. We also share our stories with the class on our "Author's Chair."</p> <hr/> <p><u>Spelling</u> The students are working on review of vowel variant <u>ou</u> and <u>ough</u> sounds in words this week. We are doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.</p>	 <p><u>Dates to Remember:</u> <u>March 25</u>– Bookmobile <u>March 26</u> – Spring Pictures <u>March 31</u> – Trojan Buck Store <u>April 10</u> – Spring Concert 7:00 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Phonics &amp; Grammar</u> <u>Genre: Nonfiction</u> and connect prior knowledge <u>Reading: "Let's Go Rock Collecting" by Roma Gans</u> <u>Guided Reading Groups:</u> <u>Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, non-fiction, and author's purpose.</u> <u>Independent Reading and A.R. Tests</u> ***** <u>Check out this website to see if a book your child is reading at home is an AR Book. <a href="https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp">https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp</a></u></p>

## Vocabulary

With our Language Arts series, the students are exposed to high frequency and robust vocabulary words. Vocabulary is critical to reading success because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: separated, collection, durable, identify

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: absolutely, halfheartedly, rare, common, settled

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing—such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices.

Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to: Be kind. Be safe. Be ready to learn!

## Read Aloud Charts

"Rocks" (describing how we listen for a purpose) (Review)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Keepsakes" – Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from listening to it.

### Listening Center

Stories: "Let's Go

Rock Collecting"

by Roma Gans

Genre: Biography

While listening to

these stories, the

students will learn

new vocabulary

words which

include: rare,

settled, collection

The students will

also orally discuss

beginning, middle

and end of the

story & author's

message. They will

also learn about

story structure.

### March Snacks

24- Morgyn

25- Sarianna &

Trevin

26- Aerial & Fisher

27- Savannah & Mrs.

Spielmann

28 - Dominique &

Sydney

Thanks for  
providing snacks!!



Important Events: Spring Concert – April 10; Mornings for Moms –April 11 from 7:15–8:30 a.m. and Declam Contest – 1:30–2:00; May 1- Field Trip– all day to the Army National Guard, Butterfly House, Outdoor Campus, McDonalds delivers lunch to Sertoma Park; May 9 - Grandparent morning 9:00–12:00; May 14 - Track & Field afternoon; Last Day – May 20 - Dismiss 1:30.

### Quotes of the Week-

"Education is the transmission of civilization!" Ariel & Will Durant

"Education is learning what you didn't even know that you didn't know!" Boorstin

Our Declam Contest is Friday, April 11. Our time is 1:30–2:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. It will be held in our classroom. Come join us! Thanks!!

West Central Mission Statement: "To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world." West Central Hartford Elementary Mission Statement: "Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

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